

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 617

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Callie Deanda on being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Callie Deanda, an esteemed resident of Sevierville and a sophomore at Sevier County High School, has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist for the 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deanda earned this award by giving generously of her time to raise more than \$225,000 each year through the "Cure Finders Foundation," the exemplary cystic fibrosis research charity founded by her family; and

WHEREAS, although Callie, like her brother, struggles with cystic fibrosis, she has worked assiduously with various aspects of fundraising events since she was very young, including running a raffle, speaking publicly about the foundation, and educating those who are newly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Callie Deanda epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Deanda who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and honor Callie Deanda as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extending to her our best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.